

## REPORT.

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SAFELY conducted through the vicissitudes of another year—a year in which the God of Missions has graciously afforded the various agents of our Society the guidance of his wisdom, the protection of his power, and the cheering influence of his presence and blessing—your Committee feel great pleasure in presenting to the numerous friends of this Institution a Report of its past labours and successes, its conflicts and triumphs, as well as its present state and future prospects.

It cannot be expected that the Wesleyan Missionary Society, occupying as it does so prominent a place in that moral warfare which is being carried on between truth and error—between the Church of Christ and the Powers of Darkness—will be allowed to go forward in its march of benevolence without strife and opposition; no, we are fully persuaded that every inch of ground will be violently and perseveringly contested, and that the foe can only be dispossessed of his long-usurped dominion over the minds of men by divine power—by the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God—a weapon not carnal, but mighty, through God, to the destruction of every enemy.

Your Committee feel unfeignedly grateful to Almighty God for being able to report, that the pious and benevolent objects for which this Institution has been organized and is so liberally supported, are being accomplished, to a very encouraging extent, in every part of the widely-extended field of its operations.

Your Society is still honoured by the Great Head of the Church by being the means of communicating the inestimable blessings of Christianity and the comforts of civilization to vast numbers of the human race, who, in various parts of the world, were involved in all the degradation and misery of Pagan superstition. Wherever your agents have carried the glorious Gospel, the life-giving energy of its truths has been most powerfully felt;—false opinions have been dissipated;—inveterate habits of vice have been broken;—many of the gods of the heathen have been destroyed;—the bloody sacrifices once offered to those gods have in many places for ever ceased, and thousands of immortal minds, whose darkness was only equalled by their guilt and pollution, have been enlightened and justified, washed and sanctified in the name of the Lord and by the Spirit of our God. The people that walked in darkness